

Elgin Independent School District

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Instructional Technology Coordinator

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Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
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**RE: Reference for Federal Communications Commission: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Year Two Funding
Reference: Billed Entity 91661 Number
Funding Request Number 175803
Form 471 Application Number 122184**

To Whom It May Concern:

Elgin ISD received denial of services from the **Schools and Libraries Fund**, which was dated March 9, 2001, and received on March 16, 2001. According to the appeals procedure outlined on the U.S.A.C. website, we are formally filing this letter of appeal with the **Schools and Libraries Division** and simultaneously filing an appeal with the **Federal Communications Commission**. Copies of this correspondence will also be mailed to **Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison** and **Texas Senator Phil Gramm**.

Elgin ISD is a small school district with very limited funding for projects such as internal connections. Our school district relies heavily on outside funding sources. Without our Year Two Funding from U.S.A.C., our district is now burdened with a \$95,454.47 internal connections bill.

Please refer to the above referenced documents for Year Two Funding. Additionally I have attached several documents that I will refer to throughout this appeal letter. The documents will be listed herein as Document One, Document Two, etc. These documents are documentation of the path Elgin Independent School District has followed over the last three years to ensure this Year Two Funding.

In 1998, Elgin ISD began construction of a new high school. Due to problems with contractors we are currently awaiting the completion of that project. Due to the above referenced problems in the construction of our high school, the internal connections referenced in FRN # 175803 were completed on October 30, 2000.

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On October 5, 1999, our school district received a **Funding Commitment Report for Application Number 0000122184**, which is referenced in Document One, dated October 5, 1999 (attached). That Funding Commitment was designated for internal connections at our new high school. The approved amount referenced in that decision letter was \$95,454.47. Please refer to Document Two, which documents the next correspondence Elgin ISD had with U.S.A.C. I spoke with Mark Parker on October 17, 2000 about some changes that needed to be made on **Form 471 Application Number 0000122184**. On that date, I also discussed with Mr. Parker the fact that I was highly concerned that our network might be completed at a later date, which could cause us to lose Year Two Funding. He assured me that any projects completed by November 1, 2000 would be considered "inside the window". Document Three is a continuation of that correction. Mr. Parker also recommended that I file a **Form 500** to ensure funding for our high school. Elgin ISD did file that form and it is referenced in Document Three A (attached) and dated October 20, 2000. I was assured that the filing of the **Form 500** would insure our funding for our high school internal connections.

On October 30, 2000 our service provider, Cable Com. Inc., sent **Invoice Number 20-0417-5** to U.S.A.C. Please reference Document Four (attached), which includes a copy of **FCC Form 474**.

Please refer to Document Five (attached), which includes excerpts from my date book and references correspondence with the S.L.D. for the months of November 2000 – March 2001. I include these excerpts as documentation that I have repeatedly tried to contact someone at S.L.D. over the last six months to give me information on how I should pursue the fact that our high school project was running behind schedule. As you can see, from Document Five, I called the S.L.D. on November 7, 2000, November 16, 2000, December 1, 2000, December 18, 2000, December 20, 2000, February 8, 2001, February 13, 2001, and March 6, 2001. In each conversation I repeatedly asked the representative if I needed to fill our further forms or comply with any regulations to ensure the funding of **Application # 122184** (internal connections, new high school). During each conversation, I was presented with a "Don't call us, we'll call you" type of response. I was told there was no one with which I could speak to discuss the problems I had been having.

Finally, on December 18, 2000, I received a fax from Natasha Corlette requesting that I send a letter to her that documented that the project at the high school had been completed on September 30, 2000. Since that project was not completed until October of 2000, I could not comply with this request. Therefore I sent e-mail, followed by a fax, wherein I referenced that I had filed a **Form 500** on October 20, 2000, which requested an extension. Please reference Document Six (attached), which is a copy of the fax I sent to Ms. Corlette. I received no reply from this fax nor from the e-mail that I sent her.

On January 8, 2001, our superintendent, Janie Simmons, sent a fax to Ms. Corlette, wherein she stated that the problems in getting our network completed were solely the fault of the contractor and no fault of our own. She also referenced information on the U.S.A.C. website (<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/whatsnew/112000.asp#111400>) which stated that "circumstances beyond the control of the school district" would make the district eligible for their Year Two Funding. This fax may be viewed in Document Seven (attached).

I must repeat the fact that even though our district tried on numerous times, as is documented herein, to contact U.S.A.C., we never were allowed to speak with anyone concerning **FRN # 175803**.

After all our attempts to contact U.S.A.C., the only feedback we received was on March 6, 2001, when we received a phone call from Ed Fakowitz (973.884.8527) at U.S.A.C. I explained to him on that day, that our steel fabricator had gone bankrupt during the construction of our high school and that the

project was late being completed due to circumstances beyond our control. I asked Mr. Fakowitz to reference the **U.S.A.C.** website wherein it is stated:

"In an order released November 1, 2000, (DA00-2444), the FCC recognized certain categories of applicants that through ***no fault of their own*** had not been able to meet the September 30, 2000 deadline for receipt of non-recurring services for Year Two. The order established a new deadline on September 30, 2001 for such categories of applicants."

Even after I emphasized the above quote to Mr. Fakowitz, and emphasized the fact that we had not been able to complete the internal connections until after the building was complete, he stated that the only way Elgin ISD might be considered for funding for this Year Two project was to file an appeal.

Elgin ISD received denial of services from the **Schools and Libraries Fund**, which was dated March 9, 2001, and received on March 16, 2001. Upon receipt of denial referenced in Document Eight (attached), a letter dated March 6, 2001, referenced in Document Nine (attached), was sent from me to our Superintendent. Our Superintendent, Janie Simmons, answered this letter verbally and asked that I follow up with a letter of appeal to both **U.S.A.C.** and the **Federal Communications Commission**.

If you would like to contact me for further information or documentation, I may be reached at 512.281.9860 or by e-mail at ballbright@elginisd.net. If you wish to contact our Superintendent, Janie Simmons, you may call her at 512.281.9731 or by e-mail at jsimmons@elginisd.net.

I must also state that without the help of the funding provided by the **E-Rate**, our school district would not have the viable network we enjoy today. Without the dedication of the people who fought to keep E-Rate alive, poor school districts such as ours would not be able to prepare our students for the future. Please help us as we strive to meet the needs of 2,888 students, 1,616 of whom are considered economically disadvantaged. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara Allbright
Technology Coordinator
Elgin Independent School District

CC: Federal Communications Commission
Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Texas Senator Phil Gramm
Janie Simmons, Superintendent, Elgin ISD

ATTACHMENTS

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Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

Adjustment to Funding Commitment and Modification to Receipt of Service Confirmation Form

Please read instructions before completing.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 1.5 hours
(To be completed by Schools and Libraries or Consortia.)

Form 500 Number 00-01
(unique identifying number assigned by applicant)

Block 1: Applicant Information

1. Name of Billed Entity Applicant (required) Elgin High School	2. Billed Entity Number (required) 91661	3. Funding Year (required) 7/1/99 - 6/30/2000
4. Complete Mailing Address of Billed Entity Applicant (required) Street Address, P. O. Box or Route Number P. O. Box 351 City Elgin State TX Zip Code 78621		
10-Digit Phone Number 512.281.9860 ballbright@elginisd.net	Fax Telephone Number 512.281.5388	E-Mail Address

5. Contact Person Information

Contact Person Name (required) Barbara Allbright			
Mailing Address (required if different from Item 4)			
Street Address, P. O. Box or Route Number	City	State	Zip Code
10-Digit Phone Number	Fax Telephone Number	E-Mail Address	

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Billed Entity Applicant's 500 Number (to be assigned by Fund Administrator) _____

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Billed Entity Name Elgin High School

Contact Name Barbara Allbright

Billed Entity Number 91661

Contact Telephone Number 512.281.9860

Block 2: Services Adjustment: Fill in one Block 2 for EACH Funding Request (FRN) affected. If you are submitting more than one Block 2, please number your pages 2A, 2B, 2C, etc. and write the number in the space provided here: Page 2

6. Provide the following information about each service cited in your Form 471 Block 5, Discount Funding Request, [FRN] for which you want to take one of the following actions:

Remember: The FRNs listed on this form must be for the same Funding Year as listed in Item 3, Block 1.

New Start Date: If you wish to change the Funding Year Service Start Date you listed on a previously filed Form 486 in this funding year. This action will NOT result in more funding.

Contract Expiration Date: If you wish to change the ending date for services. This action will not result in more funding but you could combine it with a reduction in funding.

Cancel: If you wish to cancel a Funding Request Number. Please note: This action is irrevocable and the FRN can NOT be reinstated later. This action would allow money to be put back into the Universal Service fund for possible commitment to other applicants.

Reduce: If you wish to reduce the amount of your funding commitment for a particular FRN. This action is irrevocable and the FRN can NOT be increased later. This action would allow money to be put back into the Universal Service fund for possible commitment to other applicants.

The information required can be found in your Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) pertaining to the Funding Request (FRN) being affected.

To launch the submission of invoices for payment, please file **Form 486**.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE FRN TO BE ADJUSTED

(A) Form 471 Application Number (required): 122184

(B) Funding Request Number (required): 0000175803

(C) Billing Account Number (required, if contained in your FCDL):

(D) Service Provider Name (required): Cable Com, Inc.

(E) Service Provider SPIN (required): 143007701

ADJUSTMENT TO FRN LISTED ABOVE:

(F) Service Start Date	Original Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	New Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Date		

(G) Contract Expiration Date	Original Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	New Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Date	4/12/2000	9/30/2000

(H) Cancel FRN	Original Commitment Amount:	New Commitment Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Please Cancel		\$0.00

(I) Reduce FRN	Original Commitment Amount from FCDL:	New Commitment Amount AFTER Reduction:
<input type="checkbox"/> Please Reduce		

Billed Entity Name Elgin High School

Contact Name Barbara Allbright

Billed Entity Number 91661

Contact Telephone Number 512.281.9860

Block 3: Certification

7. I certify that I am authorized to submit this Form on behalf of the above-named billed entity applicant, that I have examined this request, and that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.
8. I understand that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the services receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
9. I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for five years any and all records that I rely upon to fill in this form.

10. Signature (original ink signature required)

11. Date (required) 10/20/2000

12. Printed name of authorized person (required) Barbara Allbright

13. Title or position of authorized person (required) Technology Coordinator

14. Telephone number of authorized person (required) 512.281.9860

15. E-Mail address of authorized person (required, if available) ballbright@elginisd.net

16. Address of authorized person (required) P. O. Box 351, Elgin, Texas 78621

A paper copy of this form, with an original signature in Block 3, Item 10 should be mailed to:

SLD-Form 500

P. O. Box 7026

Lawrence, Kansas 66044-7026

If sent by express delivery services or U.S. Postal Service, Return Receipt Requested,
the form should be mailed to:

SLD-Form 500

c/o Ms. Smith

3833 Greenway Drive

Lawrence, Kansas 66046

888-203-8100

Schools and Libraries Division
Client Service Bureau

Help Line : (888) 203-8100
Fax: (888) 276-8736

Fax

To: BARBARA ALLBRIGHT From: MARK PARKER
Fax: 512-281-5388 Pages: 3 (INCL. COVER)
Phone: 512-281-9860 Date: 10/17/00
Re: FCC FORM 486 CC:

☒ Urgent! ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☒ Please Reply! ☐ Please Recycle

MS. ALLBRIGHT,

I AM FAXING YOU BLOCK 1 & BLOCK 3
OF 486 # 00C, THE BILLED ENTITY
NUMBER FROM BLOCK 1, ITEM 2 DOES NOT
MATCH THE 471 # 2 FROM BLOCK 3.

YOU MAY FAX A CORRECTED BLOCK 1
TO MY ATTENTION.

Mark Parker
MARK PARKER

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Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

Receipt of Service Confirmation Form

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Form 486 Number
(unique identifying number assigned by applicant)

Block 1: Applicant Information

1. Name of Billed Entity Applicant (required)

Elgin High School

2. Billed Entity Number

(required)
91661

3. Funding Year

(required)

4. Complete Mailing Address of Billed Entity Applicant (required)

Street Address, P. O. Box or Route Number

City

State

Zip Code

902 West 2nd Street

Elgin

TX

78621

10-Digit Phone Number

512.281.3434

Fax Telephone Number

512.281.5388

E-Mail Address

ballbright@elginisd.net

5. Contact Person Information

Contact Person Name (required)

Barbara Allbright

Mailing Address (required if different from Item 4)

Street Address, P. O. Box or Route Number

City

State

Zip Code

P. O. Box 351

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Billed Entity's 486 Number (to be assigned by Fund Administrator)

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Billed Entity Name Elgin High School

Contact Name Barbara Allbright

Billed Entity Number 91661

Contact Telephone Number 512.281.3434

Block 2: Early Filing Information

(This block is to be used only to file this form before July 1 of the relevant funding year and only for those services starting in July.)

6. IF YOU ARE FILING THIS FORM 486 **BEFORE** THE START OF THE FUNDING YEAR FOR WHICH THESE FUNDING REQUESTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, CHECK THE STATEMENT BELOW.

The Funding Requests listed in Block 3 below, have been approved by SLD, as shown in my Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL). I have confirmed with the service provider(s) featured in those Funding Requests that these services will begin to be delivered in July.

Remember: Early filing is an option if and **ONLY** if services are scheduled to start within the month of July.

Billed Entity Name Elgin High School Contact Name Barbara Albright
 Billed Entity Number 91681 Contact Telephone Number 512.281.3434

Block 3: Service Information

7. Please provide the following information for each Form 471 Block 5 (Discount Funding Request) item for which the Billed Entity is indicating that the named Service Provider may begin submitting invoices to SLD.* You will need your FCDL for some of the information required below.

Remember: The FRNs listed below must be from the same Funding Year as is listed in Item 3, Block 1.

If you need additional pages, please label them 3A, 3B, 3C, etc. and indicate the number in the space provided here. Page 3 _____

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Block 3 Service Information (Continued) – Please use if additional entries are necessary

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*You should file this form within 10 business days of the initiation of service. For services starting in July, you may file before service has started, as soon as you receive your Funding Commitment Decision Letter, and if you check Item 6. If you check Item 6, any and ALL services on this form must feature a July start date.

Billed Entity Name Elgin High School **Contact Name** Barbara Allbright
Billed Entity Number 91661 **Contact Telephone Number** 512.281.3434

Block 4: Certification

8. I certify that the technology plan(s) for the services received as indicated above have been approved by: (Fill in the name of each organization that reviewed and approved a technology plan for any eligible entity that is receiving services covered under this form; attach an additional list if necessary. If ALL of the FRNs listed herein are for basic telephone service only, write in "none" here.) (Required to be completed)

All Technology Plans have been reviewed and approved by the Texas Education Agency for a period of three years.

9. I certify that the services listed above have been, are planned to be, or are being provided to all or some of the eligible entities identified in the Form 471 application(s) cited above. I certify that there are signed contracts covering all of the services listed above except for those services provided under tariff or month-to-month arrangements. I certify that I am authorized to submit this receipt of service confirmation on behalf of the above-named billed entity applicant; that I have examined this request, and that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

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FAX

TO: Mark Parker, Schools and Libraries Corp.

FROM: Barbara Allbright, Elgin ISD

DATE: October 17, 2000

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Following is revised form 486 per our telephone conversation.

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Elgin High School

2. Billed Entity Number

(required) 91661

3. Funding Year

(required) 01/01/199
06/30/2000

4. Complete Mailing Address of Billed Entity Applicant (required)

Street Address, P. O. Box or Route Number 90 W 2 Street
Code 78621City ElginState Tx

Zip

10-Digit Phone Number 512/281-9860Fax Telephone Number 512/281-5388

E-Mail

Address ballbright@elginisd.net**5. Contact Person Information**Contact Person Name (required) Barbara Allbright

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Billed Entity's 486 Number (to be assigned by Fund Administrator)

92614

Billed Entity Name Elgin Independent School District
Allbright

Contact Name Barbara

Billed Entity Number 0000

91661 (P)

Contact Telephone Number 512-281-9860

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TRANSMIT CONFIRMATION REPORT

NO. : 007
RECEIVER : 918882768736
TRANSMITTER : ELGIN ISD
DATE : OCT 17 '00 14:57
DURATION : 03'14
MODE : FINE
PAGES : 03
RESULT : OK

AP 122184

FAX (888) 296-8736 Mark Parker

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT FOR APPLICATION NUMBER: 0000122184

Funding Request Numbers preceded by an (*) represent a change from your previous notification. The Funding Commitment Decision Amount exhibited is the total amount approved for this year.

* Funding Request Number: 0000175803 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143007701 Service Provider Name: Cable Com, Inc.

Provider Contract Number: c

Services Ordered: Internal Connections

Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/2000

Contract Expiration Date: 04/12/2000

Site Identifier: 48 18360 01728

Pre-discount Cost: \$159,090.79

Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 60%

Funding Commitment Decision: \$95,454.47 - FRN approved; Modified by SLD

Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The dollars requested were reduced to remove: the ineligible products (performance bond, material bond, labor bond, cdrom tower).

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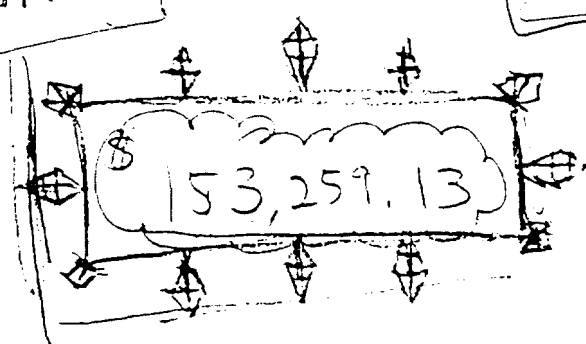
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900 W. 2ND STREET
Attn: Barbara Allwright
ELGIN, TX
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TERMS	CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	CUSTOMER NO.	SALESPERSON	PAGE NO.
STANDARD NET 30	ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL	ELGISD	BC	1

MARKS:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1.000	NETWORK CABLING FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL. FUNDING REQUEST NO 175803 FUNDING REQUEST NO. 175803. SERVICE PROVIDER NO. 143007701 BILLING PER FUNDING COMMITMENT EA 95397.030	95397.0

*Barbara -
This is a copy
of what I sent
SLC 10-31-00.
Fed-Ex'd it out.
Will follow up on
it later this wk.
Thanks, Karen*

REMIT TO: CABLE COM. INC. P.O. BOX 200578, AUSTIN, TX 78720
A SERVICE CHARGE OF 1.5% PER MONTH (18% PER ANNUM) WILL BE
APPLIED TO ALL PAST-DUE ACCOUNTS (\$1.50 MIN.)

TOTAL

95397.0

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Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 1.5 hours
(To be completed by Service Providers)

Please read instructions before completing.

SERVICE PROVIDER Invoice Form

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS: Section 69.010 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires the fund administrator to review bills for services and to determine the amount of universal service support to be disbursed to service providers. All service providers that have signed a contract or have bills in effect under which they provide discounted service to eligible schools and libraries who have received a Funding Commitment Decision Letter from the fund administrator are required to submit this Service Provider Invoice Form to obtain universal service support for the amount of the discounts provided to eligible schools and libraries. This Service Provider Invoice Form informs the fund administrator of the amount of the discounts provided to eligible schools and libraries and for which the service provider seeks universal service support. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254.

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The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a FCC statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government, in a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the taxpayer identification number and other information you provide may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide this information to those agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information requested on the form, your application may be returned without action or your application may be delayed.

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1. Service Provider Name (30 characters maximum)	Cable Com., Inc.
2. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) (9 characters maximum)	143007701
3. Contact Name (30 characters maximum)	Karin Parish
4. Contact Telephone Number (14 digits maximum)	(512) 250-5901
5. Invoice Number (25 characters maximum)	20-0417-5
6. Invoice Date to SLD (mm/dd/yyyy)	10-30-2000
7. Total Invoice Amount (sum of Column (14) - 14.2 digits maximum)	95,397.03



SERVICE PROVIDER Invoice Form

	(8) FCC Form 471 Application Number (10 digits) (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	(9) Funding Request Number (FRN) (10 digits) (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	(10) Bill Frequency (Monthly, Quarterly, Annually, One- time, Other)	(11) Customer Billed Date (mmyyyy)	(12) Shipping Date to Customer or Last Day of Work Performed (mmddyyyy)	(13) Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Service per FRN (14.2 digits max.)	(14) Discount Amount Billed to SLC (14.2 digits max.)
				For each FRN, there should be an entry in Column (11) or Column (12) but not both.			
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November 2000

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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		9-10a Called SLD - Talked to helpline - said do nothing. They will call us.				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			9-10a Called SLD - Spoke with them about funding year two. They assured me there was nothing to worry about and said they would call us.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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December 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 9-10a Spoke with the SLD today. Called the Rich Nyquist number and spoke with a receptionist at 973.581.6742	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 10-11a Received fax from Natasha Corlette at SLD Help desk - she would not give me a phone no - only fax no	19	20 10-11a Tried to talk to Natasha Corlette - No luck will speak to superintendent and ask her to call.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 9-10a Attend TCEA	7	8 9-10a Attempted too ... reach Natasha Corlette - no input - trying to get SLD - spoke to superintendent again	9	10
11	12 2-3p Meeting on Staff Development	13 9-10a Recording another attempt to contact SLD - In general the attitude is "Don't call us - we will call you!" 1:30-2:30p Interview bs mgr 3:30-4:30p Tech Committee Meeting more	14 9-10a Tif report 3:30-4:30p Web Design Meeting	15 8-9a All TIF NCommittee Meetings complete by today 9-10a Tif	16 8-9a Meet lori bisd	17
18	19	20 8-9a take off - insurance	21 • Take off insurance	22 8-9a take off Insurance 10:45-11:45a Dr Gres 2-3p Hair House	23	24
25	26 8-9a purchase orders 9-10a Wms room help with taas 12-1p Head home to work on tif grants 4-5p Aerobics	27 8-9a Work on tif at home 4-5p Aerobics	28 8-9a Work on tif at home 4-5p Aerobics	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

March 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
				2-3p Activity planning city hall bring summer stuff 4-5p Aerobics 6-7p Weight Watchers	4-5p Leave for coast!	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	8-9a Get TEKStar ready for the 8th 9-10a Set up lab for eteach	8-9a Tomorrow out till noon 10-11a Was officially contacted by SLD telling us that our High School Network would not be funded. USAC sent a zero response letter to Cable Com more	8-9a Class Works at Shwraton 500 I35	8-9a Use TEKStar in curricukum meeting		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	8-9a Out tomorrow at ms seminar	8-9a Microsoft Seminar 8-5 at Raddison @ 111 Cesar Chavez			8-9a Tell be out Monday at Te ch Prep conference	10-11a Final draft of dissertation turned in 4-5p Remind Chris Dr Gres tomorrow
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	12-1a Cushman - John Gone to Cochran Ride 19th-24th 9-10a Tech Prep conference @ conv ctr 5-6p Chris to Dr Gres	8-9a Cushman - John Gone to Cochran Ride 19th-24th 9-10a Moving meeting 1-2p Call becky bunte	8-9a Cushman - John Gone to Cochran Ride 19th-24th 5-6p Mican	8-9a Cushman - John Gone to Cochran Ride 19th-24th 9-10a Tek sig all day 10-11a Spend night in Austin	8-9a Cushman - John Gone to Cochran Ride 19th-24th 9-10a Tek sig all day 3-4p Be in temple	8-9a Cushman - John Gone to Cochran Ride 19th-24th 10-11a Disseetation complete by this weekend!
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	6-7p Board Meeting - Primary School	8-9a 8:30 - 12:00 DEC Meeting at Civic Center for May 13-16, 2002	8-9a Eteach today 11-12p Have tech meet by april 17	8-9a Principals Meeting 9:30 AM 5-6p Hair house cut and color 6-7p Millers for dinner		8-9a Meeting relay at Becky's House
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Tuesday 3/6/01

10:00a - 11:00a: Was officially contacted by SLD telling us that our High School Network would not be funded. USAC sent a zero response letter to Cable Com

Faxed 12/18/00

Natasha Corlette and the Question Desk at SLD:

This question is written with reference to year 2 funding for billed entity #91661. It concerns internal wiring for a local area network at a new high school in Elgin, Texas. The contact person for the SLD is Barbara Allbright (me) and I can be reached at 512.281.9860 on this Friday. The funding of this project by the SLD (as I understand it) is dependent upon the project being completed no later than September 30, 2000. I have some questions concerning this requirement.

1) Does the entire project have to be completed (including installation and configuration of switches) by September 30, 2000 - OR - do we only need to have completed the items included in the "list of eligible services"?

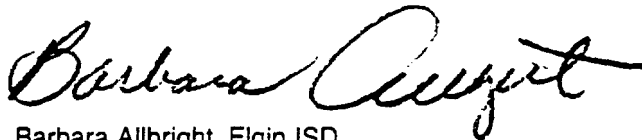
2) While our service provider, Cable Com is supplying most of the equipment and cabling we need to complete this project, most of the final installation work is being done by our network administrator. Can we say that the installation was complete September 30 if our Network Admin is completing this final stage of the project?

3) Our installation crew for cabling has had to wait for the electricians to complete the wiring portion of the new building before they could complete cabling. This problem caused us to run extremely slow in the installation process.

I filed a Form 500 requesting an extension of time on about November 15. We requested an extension through the month of September, 2000. It is now December 13, and we have been asked to send in a letter by fax to Natasha Corlette at (973)884-8013 stating that the project was completed on September 30, 2000. I am really unsure as to the actual date of completion as I have not visited the site. Earlier today when it was requested that I fax this letter to Natasha Corlette, I rotely went through the paces and did what was asked. I faxed a letter on EISD letterhead that the job was complete as of September 30, 2000. However, as stated above, I am unsure as to completion dates.

Please accept this email as an addendum to the earlier fax. I would appreciate a call or an email at your earliest convenience to verify the process that I should follow at this point.

Sincerely,



Barbara Allbright, Elgin ISD

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TRANSMIT CONFIRMATION REPORT

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 RECEIVER : 919738848013
 TRANSMITTER : ELGIN ISD
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 MODE : FINE
 PAGES : 01
 RESULT : OK

Subject: [illegible]

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FAX

January 8, 2001

TO: Natasha Corlette
Schools and Libraries

FROM: Janie Simmons, Interim Superintendent
Elgin Independent School District
900 West 2nd Street
Elgin, Texas 78621
512.281.9860

RE: Year Two Funding for Elgin High School Internal Connections (billed
entity #91661)

I am writing this letter in an effort to obtain our year two funding for internal connections for our high school local area network internal connections. Our building project on our new High School has been running behind schedule and is causing us to lose this year two funding.

According to information on your web site:

<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/whatsnew/112000.asp#111400>.

the fact that our service provider encountered "circumstances beyond their control" in the completion of our new high school campus makes us eligible for the year 2 funds. It is stated on your web site:

In an Order released on November 1, 2000, (DA 00-2444), the FCC recognized certain categories of applicants that, **through no fault of their own**, had not been able to meet the September 30, 2000 deadline for receipt of non-recurring services for Year 2. The order established a new deadline of September 30, 2001 for such categories of applicants.

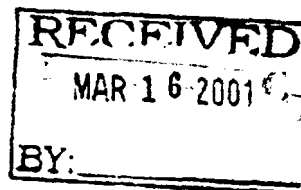
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Our school district has a very low tax base and the money we get from e-rate is our only avenue towards updating our networks and telecommunications services. Nearly 56% of our students are eligible for the DOE's free and reduced lunch program. Only about 55% of our community members have a high school diploma and the average income for our county is \$7,000 below the average income for the State of Texas.

I implore you to consider funding this application for internal connections. The digital divide can only be eradicated when communities such as ours have access to telecommunications and networking services that support digital learning environments. Help us bring our students across the divide.

Universal Service Administrative Company
100 S. Jefferson Road
Whippany, New Jersey 07981



Schools and Libraries Fund

Cable Com Inc
ATTN : Karin Parish
P.O. Box 200578
Austin TX 78729

SPIN # 143007701 USAC REFERENCE # 0000067625

STATEMENT DATE 03/09/2001

Post Date	Spin #	FRN	Invoice #	Amount
03/08/2001	143007701	175803	20-0417-5	.00
SLD Invoice Number:150054;Line Item Detail Number: 404027;Amount Requested:95397.03;Bill Date Outside Funding Year;285;Inv. Is for service after termination;224;				.00

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Barbara Allbright, Technology Coordinator
Elgin Independent School District
P. O. Box 351
Elgin, Texas 78621

March 6, 2001

Janie Simmons, Superintendent
Elgin Independent School District
P. O. Box 351
Elgin, Texas 78621

Dear Ms. Simmons:

This letter is written in an effort to explain why the funding has been lost on the High School Network. I spoke with Ed Falkowitz of the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Services Administration Division (E-Rate) today and found that we are not eligible for funding due to schedule overruns at our new high school.

In order to help you understand the funding process as a whole, I am offering the following paragraph as background knowledge.

On May 7, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Universal Service Order implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Order was designed to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Up to \$2.25 billion annually is available to provide eligible schools and libraries with discounts, often referred to as the "E-rate," for authorized services. This benefit is supported by the Universal Service Fund, established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to provide for affordable access to specified telecommunications services for all communities, regardless of location or economic strata. The not for profit Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is responsible for administering the Fund under the direction of the FCC. The Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of USAC administers the Schools and Libraries Program. Up to \$2.25 billion is available each Funding Year. As of the end of October 2000, over \$5.7 billion has been committed and \$2.7 billion has been disbursed to schools and libraries.

A school district must apply for this funding on a yearly basis and must state in that application all upcoming projects. On January 12, 1999 funding requests referenced the High School Network as a project to be funded. The SLD approved our funding and sent us a funding commitment letter for the amount of \$95,454.47 on October 5, 1999. In order for the SLD to pay for network installation services, we should have had the project complete no later than September 30, 2000. Now, due to schedule overruns on the part of the building contractor, and no fault of Elgin Independent School District or the cable installer, we have lost \$95,454.47 in e-rate funding.

Sincerely,

Barbara Allbright, Technology Coordinator
Elgin Independent School District

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New Deadline for Certain Year 2 Applicants for Receipt of Non-Recurring Services (11/14/2000)

In an Order released on November 1, 2000, (DA 00-2444), the FCC recognized certain categories of applicants that, through no fault of their own, had not been able to meet the September 30, 2000 deadline for receipt of non-recurring services for Year 2. The order established a new deadline of September 30, 2001 for such categories of applicants.

The order acknowledges that some applicants did not receive their funding commitment decision letters, or a determination on their service provider changes or service substitution requests from USAC in time to implement non-recurring services. Additionally, some applicants may have been unable to meet the September 30, 2000 deadline because their funding disbursements were delayed while USAC investigated the applicant's program compliance, or because their service provider was unable to complete implementation due to reasons beyond the service provider's control.

The FCC established April 4, 2000 as a key decision milestone. Applicants who: (1) received, or will receive a Year 2 Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated April 4, 2000 or later, or (2) were authorized by SLD on April 4, 2000 or later to change their Year 2 Service Providers or to make Year 2 service substitutions, or (3) were left on September 30, 2000 with unfinished, non-recurring projects because service providers were unable to complete the work for reasons stated above, will have until September 30, 2001 to implement non-recurring services supported by Year 2 E-rate funds. The categories above include those applicants whose requests were received outside the Year 2 window and which are now under consideration by SLD.

The Schools and Libraries Division is currently working on the extension process details and will soon post more information about taking advantage of the extension.

Letter
To Change
Unit
in NJ.

(973) 581-6211

(973) 428-7335 (Invoicing)

To: Natasha Corlette, SLC

(512) 303-1846
(512) 281-9860

From: BARBARA ALBRIGHT, Elgin ISD

Phone No.

Please refer to previously faxed information sent to your office on 12/13/2000.

According to my research, the information referenced above applies to our pending "Year 2" funding. Our services have been delayed due to circumstances outside the service provider's control. Under the above ruling, we would be eligible to receive our Y2 funding. B. Albright

Send email emilya@jwo.com